



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Phillips  
Serial No.: 10/687,267  
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For: Surgical Retractor Blade Assembly

Examiner: V. Johnson  
Group A.U.: 3682

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Official Action dated June 30, 2005. Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked \*\*\* **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

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